

Official Adoption Agreement

for the Direct Support of

Rev. Simon Yiech - Missionary to the Sudanese



Do You Know---that fifty percent of youth in Sudanese congregations have broken their relationship with Jesus Christ and their parents?

Pastor Simon Yiech knows this all too well as he reaches out to Sudanese not only in Des Moines, but also in Storm Lake, Sioux City, Council Bluffs, and Denison. He is committed to helping youth who have dropped out of school and church as a result of alcohol and drug addiction. He strives to help them learn the Bible on a daily basis and he is a mentor to male youth that lack a strong male role model in their lives. Pastor Yiech also realizes that the Lord Jesus Christ is also working in the lives of these youth. Sometimes the Lord uses the government and law enforcement to touch the hearts of these wandering youth.

Pastor Yiech, a member of the Nuer tribe, was born June 25, 1968 in South Sudan. His family fled to Ethiopia in 1983 because of the Civil War in Sudan and he graduated from Gambela High School. He married Rebecca Nyalam Law in 1989. They had two daughters while in Ethiopia. In 1992, they left Ethiopia and settled in a refugee camp in Kenya. Later, they were accepted for the United States resettlement program. They arrived in Des Moines, Iowa, on November 29, 1993. Their third daughter was born a United States citizen in 1995. They now have eight children.

Between 1993-1994, almost 400 Nuer refugees arrived in Des Moines and were attending services at Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1994 they began having worship services in the Nuer language. Pastor Simon Yiech was ordained in January 2006 and now serves the Sudanese Mission Lutheran Church. He has been elected president of the Sudanese Mission Society of the LCMS. Fourteen LCMS ministries have now been established in the United States ministering to the Nuer people.

The Sudanese Mission Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa, has a clear and compelling vision of the future of our Lord's ministry as they provide literacy education to help all African refugees in Des Moines.

With the value and desire of learning English, it is believed that this may provide one key in connecting with others in the African immigrant community and ultimately connecting them to Jesus Christ!

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